

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: MASS PEPR EG US IS  
SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF PEACE PROCESS:  
- AIRCRAFT PACKAGE

SUMMARY: PRESS APRIL 28 HIGHLIGHTS ISRAELI OPPOSITION  
TO AIRCRAFT PACKAGE, GIVING IMPRESSION THAT DAYAN IN  
WASHINGTON TO "MOBILIZE" FORCES AGAINST IT. AHARAM  
DEPICTS IT AS "NEW TEST" FOR U.S., NOTING POSTPONEMENT  
COULD UNDERMINE TRUST IN U.S. AND INCREASE ISRAELI  
INTRANSIGENCE. IN ABSENCE OTHER PEACE RELATED MOVES,  
CONGRESSIONAL HANDLING OF PACKAGE LIKELY BECOME MOMEN-  
TOUS ISSUE IN MEDIA HERE. END SUMMARY.

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1. DAYAN AND AIRCRAFT PACKAGE. AHARAM AND OTHER PAPERS  
PLAY UP DAYAN OPPOSITION TO AIRCRAFT PACKAGE. "DAYAN  
MOBILIZES JEWISH PRESSURE GROUPS TO PREVENT APPROVAL  
OF AIRCRAFT FOR EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA" (AHARAM). STORY  
DOES REPORT DAYAN REMARKS THAT HE IS NOT PRESSURING  
U.S. AND THAT HIS OPPOSITION IS TO "TYING" SALES  
TOGETHER.

2. AIRCRAFT PACKAGE AS TEST. AHRAM EDITORIAL NOTES  
CARTER'S HESITANCY IN SUBMITTING PACKAGE, CAUGHT  
BETWEEN HIS OWN DETERMINATION TO PROCEED AND PRESSURES  
AGAINST PACKAGE FROM ISRAEL AND ITS SUPPORTERS IN CON-  
GRESS. IN THIS REGARD EDITORIAL REPEATS LINE THAT  
DAYAN IN WASHINGTON TO ENLIST "ALL OPPOSING POWERS"  
AGAINST PACKAGE. AHRAM SAYS HESITATION DOES NOT SERVE  
"POLITICAL MEANING" OF PACKAGE BY WHICH U.S. WANTED TO  
UNDERLINE "A PRECISE STAND" VIS-A-VIS PEACE EFFORTS.  
EDITORIAL CON(LUDES THAT TO POSTPONE DEAL WOULD LEAD  
ONLY TO "UNDERMINING TRUST" IN U.S. POSITION AND IN ITS  
ABILITY TO HANDLE THE PEACE EFFORTS. AT SAME TIME IT  
WOULD INCREASE ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AND BEGIN'S CON-  
FIDENCE HE CAN "TAMPER" WITH U.S. POLICY. THESE RESULTS  
WOULD BY NO MEANS SERVE U.S. ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST.

3. COMMENT: IN ABSENCE OTHER ELEMENTS OF PEACE PROCESS  
TO FOCUS ON, CONGRESSIONAL HANDLING OF A/C PACKAGE MAY  
TAKE ON TRULY MOMENTOUS PROPORTIONS IN EGYPTIAN MEDIA  
BY THE TIME THE THIRTY-DAY PERIOD ENDS. END COMMENT.  
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